

Amusements.

VICTORIA THEATRE.
Stage Manager ... Mr. Edmund Holloway.
SECOND WEEK
and
ESTABLISHED SUCCESS
of
Mr. FRED. THORNE
Mr. Fred. Thorne
Mr. Fred. Thorne,
as
Miss ADA LESTER
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In the most interesting and exciting Drama,
QUEEN'S EVIDENCE
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THIS (Monday) EVENING, 8th April,
will be repeated
QUEEN'S EVIDENCE.

Foxes Taxis 3 ... Mr. FRED. THORNE
Levant, Esq. 3 ... Miss ADA LESTER
Kate Madeline ...
Supported by the select Dramatic Company now playing at the Victoria Theatre.

Box plan at Elvyn and Co.'s. Carriages for 10.30 p.m.
During the evening the Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. W. C. DUNLOP, will play the following:-
Duetto—"Miranda" ... Gounod
Operatic Selection—Lucia di Lammermoor" ... Donizetti
Walz—"Jack's Yawl" ... Michael Watson
Galop—"Grand Vitesse" ... E. Waldeisel
SCHOOL OF ARTS.
KELLY AND LEON'S
MINSTRELS,
BURLESQUE OPERA TRAVOU.
A Grand Bill of Novelties for the EXHIBITION WEEK.

TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT,
the whole world is abounding with
THE PRETTY DETECTIVE.

Emily Greenville (betrothed to Wyndham) ... THE ONLY
LEON.
The Queen of Africa ... Leon.
Le Fluer (a Tiger) ... Leon.
Miss Susannah Sophia Sophonias Snowdrop (suspected
young lady fond of Belmont and dancing) ... Leon.

Admission—Front seats, 3s; back seats, 2s; gallery, 1s.
Doors open at 7.30. Commence at 8.30.

Box Office at Nicholson and Ascherberg's, George-street.

THEATRE ROYAL. Miss DARGON as QUEEN
MARY.

SYDNEY AMATEUR TURF CLUB.
AUTUMN MEETING.
HANDICK COURSE.

SATURDAY, April 26th.

The Hurdle Race to start at 1.15 p.m.
The Flat Races, 2 miles, 3.0
The Walking Stakes ditto 1.15
The Walter Plate ditto 4.33
The Steeplechase ditto 4.33
The Turf Club Handicap ditto 5.15.

The right to the Gate and Booths will be sold by Mr. George Kies, on MONDAY, 21st April, at 12 o'clock noon.

The usual arrangements as to excursion fares, omnibuses, &c., have been made, and it being the Exhibition week, a large attendance may be expected.

NOTICE.

ENTRIES for the unnumbered Races are to be made to the J. G. or V. E. C. Secretaries on NEXT THURSDAY, April 26th.

THE BREEDERS' PLATE, 1880;
for new yearlings.

THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES, 1880;

THE DERBY STAKES, 1880;
for new yearlings.

THE ST. LUCIA STAKES, 1881;
for new yearlings.

PRIZE STAKES.
The SIRENS' PRODUCE STAKES, 1881;
for new foals.

The MARES' PRODUCE STAKES, 1881;
for new yearlings.

RENEWAL OF THE MARES' PRODUCE STAKES,
make to be named.

Owners and trainers are particularly requested to make their nominations early.

T. S. CLIBORN, Sec. A. J. C.
144, King-street.

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SYDNEY AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,
to be held at Handwick Course,
on SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

Under the patronage of
HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
Sir ALFRED STEPHEN,
who has signified his intention of being present.

President—J. S. FARVELL, Esq.
Vice-President—EDWARD LEE, Esq.

Secretary—T. S. CLIBORN, Secretary.

144, King-street.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BUILDING.
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Centenary of the Immortal Bard, Thomas Moore, will be celebrated by a GRAND CONCERT,
at the Guild Hall, Castlereagh-street, on the 26th May next.
Proceeds will be devoted to the Building Fund.

T. R. EVAN, Hon. Sec.
F. M'DONAGH, Secretary.

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SACRED CHORAL ASSOCIATION.

PRACTICE THIS EVENING, at St. James' Schoolroom, at 8 p.m.

Chloroform, on THURSDAY, April 26th, at 8 p.m.

The Young Australian Band has been engaged. Steamers will leave the foot of King-street at 8.10, and 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Tickets: Gentlemen, 1s.; Ladies, 7s 6d.

RETURN FANCY DRESS BALL, to the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF SYDNEY, C. J. BOBBINS, Esq., and the MAYORESS, TO BE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION BUILDING, Prince Alfred Park, on WEDNESDAY, 1st MAY.

LADIES, 20s; GENTLEMEN, 1s; DOUBLE, 40s, may be obtained from members of the Committee, and from the undersigned.

ATTENDANCE will be given at the COMMITTEE ROOMS, HOTEL ROYAL, every day from 10 to 12, and from 2 to 4 p.m.

JOCKEYS' and TRAINERS' PRIZE will be issued on FRIDAY, the 25th instant.

T. S. CLIBORN, Secretary.

144, King-street.

THE PRODUCE MERCHANTS' EMPLOYEES.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC
in connection with the above, will take place at

CLONTARF, on THURSDAY, April 26th, at 12 p.m.

The society will assemble at half-past 7 o'clock, to receive the names of intending members.

W. H. ROWSELL, Hon. Sec.

E X H I B I T I O N W E E K.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC (late Sydenham's), 223, Pitt-street.

Open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CONCERT ROOM,
SPLENDID ATTRACTIONS, and BELLEVUE

50c extra charge.

Dress Dragoon TO-NIGHT.

M. C. BAILEY'S QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY.

This Evening, National Hall, Castlereagh-street, near Park.

PELICAN SHOOTING (Handicap) on Thursday last, at Cook's River. The silver cup will be given by Mr. G. Adams, who will be present. The trophy will be awarded, at Tattersalls Hotel, this (Monday) EVENING, April 26th.

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N. S. W. BAND OF HOPE UNION.

The Temperance Story, with song, "BARTY'S JOINT," will be produced in St. Peter's Schoolroom, Forbes-street, TOMORROW.

MONDAY, 7th May.

ADMISSION, 1s; reserved seats, 1s.

T H E S T A B L E,
Mr. Blundell, owner, Sydney.

Cooking, Livery, and Let-out Establishment.

Established over 26 years.

New Restaurant, Buses, Four-in-hand Coaches, Drags, Broughams, &c., for hire day and night.

Special facilities offered for picnic, excursion, and wedding parties; one to twelve carriages supplied for the wedding.

Apply personally to H. C. COOPER, Proprietor.

OPEN UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK, THIS DAY.

THE ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION of Furniture and Ornaments is now

open, and the 20 per cent. Discount Departments are now

open.

W. B. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

SYDNEY MUSICAL UNION.

VOCAL PRACTICE TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, 105, Elizabeth-street, York-hill.

W. MULLER.

THEATRE ROYAL.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 26th April, 2.30 p.m.

Under the patronage and in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir ALFRED STEPHEN, K.C.M.G. and C. B.

INVITATION
GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

by Signor GIORZA.

Signor GIORZA, assisted by a committee of gentlemen, offers the services of his Artistic Concert to the public, of selections of the best instrumental music.

ADMISSION: To the dress circle and stalls, by invitation cards; those who have received such cards are admitted free; to the dress circle, by tickets, and Ascherberg's Music Warehouse, where the box plan is open.

To the family circle by free tickets, obtainable on demand at all music warehouses of Sydney.

To the pits, free, without ticket.

THOMAS WILTON, Hon. Sec.

905, George-street, Sydney.

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Lessee and Manager ... Mr. Samuel Lazarus.

Stage Manager ... Mr. B. N. Jones.

Travelling Manager ... Mr. W. J. Wilson.

Scenic Artists ... Mr. W. Rice.

Leader of Orchestra ... Mr. W. Rice.

CONTINUED SUCCESS
OF MISS

DARGON

OUR BRISBANE LETTER.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, A CARDINAL

BRISBANE, APRIL 15.

The twelve hours of tremendous rain on Thursday, the weather cleared up as if on purpose to ensure a fine holiday for excursionists. We are now having superb weather—a real Queensland autumn, when, night and morning, the air is exhilarating as champagne. On the whole, it has been a good summer for both farmer and grader, and if not a better summer than the average, certainly far better than the two droughty periods which preceded it. The grass has been in most places green throughout, and the winter is heralded with promise, and in confidence. This morning the first direct touch of the west wind is felt, and so we can say that winter is fairly before us.

As the Volunteers occupied much of the attention of Parliament last year, and will appear upon the Estimates this year to the tune of some £15,000 or £20,000, more attention has been paid to its annual maintenance than heretofore. For the first time the amount met under the Volunteer Act of 1878, paid ready for the time being, and to a great extent under military discipline. They marched into camp on Wednesday and dispersed last evening, the force mustering 762 officers and men. Of course, to Sydney orders, this seems but a handful to represent the forces of the southern part of the colony of Queensland; but it does represent it fairly, seeing that the muster ranges from Warwick to Toowoomba, from Toowoomba to Ipswich, and from Ipswich to Brisbane; and it must not be forgotten that the encampments have been held simultaneously, in Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Rockhampton. The Brisbane encampment was on the Queensland Turf Club course—*a* flat enclosure, for the use of which £100 was charged for the week's rent. On Thursday most of the men would not have begrimed a hundred pounds to have been out of it. The weather, upon that day, was a severe test of soldierly endurance. It rained in torrents, and the volunteers were wading, knee-deep, in black mud. Their tents were flooded; their kits swimming in a slough of despair. A rude camp where the volunteers could not have received; it was camping with a vengeance, they were invaded by those that could be ousted by either direct attack or indomitable measures. Until Friday midday it was a question whether the camp must not be broken up, but Mr. Palmer, the Colonial Secretary, who is a true friend of the movement, and who, therefore, does not believe the men must make the best of it—a decision, it is but fair to add, which the majority of the men themselves had already arrived at. And they did make the best of their miserable drabbed condition, welcoming the sunshine. Friday morning with a fervour which only half-drowned, shivering, and widely drenched persons can understand. Higher ground should have been chosen for an encampment, and another year an effort will be made to pitch the tents somewhere up the line, perhaps on the Darling Downs. On Saturday all disagreements were forgotten, and by 10 o'clock, smart and trim, the men marched off at camp for a day's work. The force was divided into an attacking party, under Colonel Macdonnell, the Commandant, and a defending force, under Major Brereton, of the Artillery. The rival armies fought a very brisk and pretty little engagement on the Sandgate Road, about four miles from camp, and the Colonel Commandant, who is—he should be, considering how much the movement owes to him—a very popular leader in his opponent, and routed him with great imaginary slaughter. Some of the men entered into the conflict very much as if it were reality. It is a rule, or should be a rule, not to fire at a closer range than 200 yards, but I saw two bodies of men firing point blank into each other's faces. In the excitement one man attempted to capture another, and they fell to clashing muskets. It was a most amusing thing to see these youngsters, while their companions were firing right and left, eventually drop their rifles and fight at each other in the orthodox prize-ring style. They were in this attitude when the two sides had closed round them, hiding the tableau as behind a wall. However, the review at Aldershot, during the annual manoeuvres, used to do just the same, and such exhibitions of excitement do not detract from the skilful manner in which the sham-fight generally was conducted. Yesterday, the Colonial Secretary, who was accompanied by the Minister for Lands and the Surveyor-General, inspected the force, drawn up in front of the grand stand in review order. The men looked serviceable, and went through various elementary movements with credit. The Artillery showed well, and the approval spoken of to them should have been very gratifying to Captain Webb, to whose energy the corps is much indebted. Our Volunteer corps were never in better form than they are at the present time; and, though there is much yet to learn, it may be conceded that Dr. Newman was the man in the working of whose individual mind the intelligent portion of the English public is more interested than in that of the most active intelligences of the age." The book is divided into sections under the headings, Personal, Philosophical, Historical, Religious; and contains many striking passages from writings of him which may be fairly classified under these heads. The author has endeavoured to construct his volume, as heafirms, on much the same principles as those which Lord Bacon laid down for the compilation of a book of "Institutions of the Law." Principally, Bacon says, "it ought to have two properties, the one a perspicuous and clear order of method, and the other an universal latitude or comprehensiveness, that the student may have a little premonition of everything." The arrangement is unquestionably a good one; but those who have anything like a full knowledge of Newman's writings may differ widely in their estimate of the value of the selection, for the purpose as the author puts it, of enabling people to arrive at Newman's ultimate judgments on the most importantantances of which he has written during the last half century. Among the many critical pieces of which he is the author, we may select, in order to convey to the general reader some idea of his style and treatment of literary subjects, two—one from his "Idea of a University," concerning the Baconian Philosophy, and the other from his "Critical and Historical Essays," on Keble's Christian Year. In the first, while his admiration blended with a certain awe of Bacon's majestic genius is shadowed by the moral defects of his character, the critic, with a great and true Christian-like interpretation of Bacon's life, points out that he never presumed to undertake the moral instruction of mankind; that the world, which owes such an incalculable debt to his mighty intellect, has no right to attempt to lessen its obligation by a complaint of the evils of his example. It is not as a man of rare virtue—one working in this world for a better—that he laboured. His prominent title to our gratitude is based upon his achievements in the enlargement of our human happiness. He had no spiritual mission whatever. For his own part he laments that men in their heart of hearts are not what they seem to be in their trances or intoxications of genius; and that this one, like the Pagan philosopher of antiquity (who surprise us as he does), in what they did say, than in what they did not do, like Socrates or Seneca must be stripped of his hollow coat which looks so fair, and should be a mockery amid his most majestic grandeur of phrase. But notwithstanding the human pity, the affliction of

the wonder cricket does not thrive better in Queensland; the public take no interest in it. A match was being played, on Saturday and Monday, close to the Volunteer encampment, between Brisbane and Darling Downs team, but the spectators, for the greater portion of the time, did not outnumber the players. Empty benches are as sure a discouragement to erectorates as to other players. Perhaps, however, the paucity of attendance at the Hamilton ground was exceptional, and largely due to the absence at the Southport regatta, and another cricket match between the Albert and Nevay Clubs, of the keenest of the Brisbane sportmen. Spite of the distance to Southport, numbers of yachts and steamers were despatched from Brisbane, and the regatta was a decided success that it is to be made an annual institution. The competing yachts were contebord boats.

The letter published by Mr. Rea, M.L.A., to which I referred last week, was, I think, suggested, something more than the expression of an individual opinion. On Thursday, its principles were embodied in the views of a deputation of oppositionists, who waited on the Premier and Minister for Lands. The ex-Premier, ex-Treasurer, and ex-Minister for Lands were the chief speakers, and there were five members of the deputation in the party. The object of the deputation was to protest against the sale of leases of runs adverse to the public interest. That the whole of the leases should not be put up at the same time. The Premier simply turned the tables, and brought almost with a vigorous kick, upon the deputationists. The art of deputating is the art of the deputationist, but Mr. McIlwraith evidently did not care to imitate such men as Lord Palmerston, who was a known master of this art. Having heard all that the interviewers had to say, he expressed surprise that the late Premier, with seven members of his party, should come to talk to him about their own maladministration, and claimed that the present Government were merely carrying out a law forced upon them by their predecessors. Mr. Rea seemed inclined to debate the question but Mr. McIlwraith declined the discussion, and the deputation retired, feeling that if they had not had the word of the business they had gained nothing but the public announcement of their opposition.

The last question, therefore, we may reckon upon as a subject of debate, if not legislation, during the ensuing session. Free trade and protection will also come upon the boards, and amongst the bills which remain to be passed is a measure affecting the Civil Service. But politics just now are a very secondary consideration. The public seem to have made up their minds that the power will have a lengthy spell of office, and so long as a goodly loan is forthcoming they have little concern in details of general policy. There is so far a disposition amongst men to make the session a working one. The election now pending on the Darling Downs will not affect the position of affairs. The candidates for the seat vacated by the new President of the Council are Mr. Nelson, a squatter, and the Hon. G. Thorn, a leader and member of the former Government. Both men have considerable local influence; but it will require a very strong man to overcome the candidate who has Jimbone at his back. Nevertheless, a close contest is expected, and if Mr. Thorn should be returned, the Opposition would require a most subtle whip. The Hon. George Brown is of the opinion of being the most artful electioneer in the southern hemisphere.

so splendid and yet so poor a life, such gigantic genius and such humiliating littleness of aim and purpose—the critic calmly insists that heroism was not what the philosopher undertook to teach. His school was not that of the supernatural. "The Philosophy of Utility," he says, "has at least done its work; it aimed low, but it has fulfilled its aim. If that man of great intellect who has been its prophet in the conduct of life played false to his own professions, he was not bound by his philosophy to be true to his friend or faithful in his trust." Moral virtue was not the line in which he tried to instruct men; and though as the poet calls him, he were the "meanest" of mankind, he was so in what may be called his private capacity, and without any prejudice to the theory of individual merit. He had a right to be so, if he chose for anything that the "Idea of the theatre had to say to the contrary. His mission was the increase of physical enjoyment and social comfort, and most wonderfully, without any loss of his philosophical conception and his design. Almost day by day have we fresh and fresh shoots and buds and blossoms which are ripe from fruit on that magical tree of knowledge which he planted, and to which none of us perhaps, except the very poor, but even, if not his present life, at least his daily food, his health and general well-being. He was the divinely provided minister of temporal benefits to all of us, so great that whatever I am forced to think of him as a man, he has not the heat from mere gratitude to speak of him severely. And in spite of the tendencies of his philosophy, which are as we see at this day to deprecate, or to trample on, theology, he has him self, in his writings, gone out of his way, as if with a prophetic misgiving of those tendencies of the theatre had to say to the contrary. 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